For it was a perilous beast aboue all,
And eke had he cond the shepherds call.
And oft in the night came to the shepecote,
And called Lowder, with a hollow throte,
As if it the old man selfe had bene.
The dog his maisters voice did it weene,
Yet halfe in doubt, he opened the doze,
And ranne out, as he was wont of poze.
No sooner was out, but swifter then thought,
Fast by the hyde the Wolfe lowder caught:
And had not Roffy renne to the steuen,
Lowder had be slaine thilke same euen.

Hobbinoll.

God shield man, he should so ill haue thriue,
All for he did his deuoyr belriue.
If like bene Wolues, as thou hast told,
How mought we Diggon, hem be-hold.

Diggon.

How, but with heede and watchfulnesse,
Forstallen hem of their wilinesse?
For thy with shepheard sittes not playe,
Or sleepe, as some doen, all the long day:
But euer liggen in watch and ward,
From soddein force theyr flocks for to gard.

Hobbinoll.

Ah Diggon, thilke same rule were too straight,
All the cold season to wach and waite.
We bene of flesh, men as other bee,
Why should we be bound to such miseree?
What euer thing lacketh chaungrable rest,
Mought needes decay, when it is at best.

Diggon.

Ah but Hobbinol, all this long tale,
Nought easeth the care, that doth me forhaile.
What shall I doe? what way shall I wend,
My piteous plight and losse to amend?
Ah good Hobbinol, mought I thee praye,
Of ayde or counsell in my decaye.

Hobbinoll.

Now by my soule Diggon, I lament
The hapleſſe miſchief, that has thee h
Nethelesse thou seest my lowly saile,
That froward fortune doth euer auai
But were Hobbinoll, as God mought
Diggon should soone find fauour and
But if to my cotage thou wilt resort,
So as I can: I wil thee comfort:
There mayst thou ligge in a betchy b
Till fayrer Fortune shewe forth his h

Diggon.

Ah Hobbinol, God mought it thee re
Diggon on fewe such freends did eue

Diggons Emblem

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GLOSSE.

The Dialecte and phrase of speache in this Dialogue from the comen. The cause whereof is suppo herein meant, vvho being very freend to th fortaine countryes, and there seene many dis to Hobbinoll.

Bidde her) Bidde good morrow. For to bidde, is to pr prayers, and so they say, To bidde his beades.
VVightly) quicklye, or sodenlye. Chaffred) solde. speache, but much vsurped of Lidgate, a
Leese) deare. Ethe) easie. These thre moones) nine m
VVae) vvoe Northernly. Eeked) encreased. Caruen
Cragge) neck. State) stoutely Stanck) vvearie or
And nowe) He applieth it to the tyme of the yeare, they call the fall of the leafe: at vvhich tym most svvaye.
A mocke) Imitating Horace, Debes ludibrium venti
Vncouthe) vnknowen. Hereby there) here and the out of Mantuane. Empriſe) for enterpri
Trode) path. Marrie that) that is, their soules, vvh tises they damme to hell.